

are almost as numerous in Greek and Arabic documents.

Roger's relations with his Moslem subjects were naturally intimate. In addition to firmly maintaining the toleration-Ky»lem of his father, who is called in tin Arabic dm! "the Grand Sul-tan, " the King made Palermo his capital, a city which in the beginning of his reign must have been more Moslem than Christina,

We have seen that while hin fleet eame mainly from the coast towns, his {>ermanent army was predominantly Aral). His Moslem mercenaries were apparently enlisted by comniandcrK of their own faith who formed u native uri»toc*racy (*Djund*)* *In* campaigns they served twth <ut infantry and as horse-archers. Apparently the Arab engineers were also more highly valued than Latins or C?reeka; at the siege of Monte-peloiw, 1133, it in the Arabs who work the movable towers: fifty ytwra Inter at the taking of TheHHTiUmieu (1185) the breach In the walk is made by the huge cros&bowti or mangonels of the Moslem engineers. *

It is interesting then to see what his Arab sub-jects and contemporaries say of the King who according to Ibn el Athir wan rumoured to be himself a Moslem, who in Arab

is styled "holy and, reverend/* Though we

little evidence upon his private it is
that his court contained the

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* Anuui, 5, 0. M_n **ill.**, pp, **5J7,688.**